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# Six Years of Preparation



In the *Shemitah* year, those who have spent the previous six years working the land suddenly change their occupation and become full-time Torah scholars.

This serves as preparation for the year of *Hakhel*, which follows the *Shemitah* year, when all Yidden will listen to the king read the Torah in the *Beis Hamikdash*. Having spent a whole year learning, they are in a much better position to internalize and follow through on the message of

*Hakhel*, to heed and learn all it says in the Torah.

The plowing and sowing of the previous six years also offer insight as to how a Yid should “work” on Torah during the *Shemitah* year: With the same effort and toil he spent working the land.

But what about a full-time Torah scholar, who never works the land, and *Shemitah* in general is not much of a change for him?

He should take a lesson from the land worker: Just as the land worker has completely broken his routine for *Shemitah*, to a point of transcending logic—abandoning his fields for a full year—so too the Torah scholar must break out of his current Torah routine and be even more involved and immersed in Torah, in a super-rational way.

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